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Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the necessary papers for filing the following application for Letters Patent:

Applicant : XIAONING NIE

Title : METHOD FOR TIMING THE OUTPUT OF DATA PACKETS FROM NETWORK  
NODES, A NETWORK NODE, AND A NETWORK

2 sheets of drawings.

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